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TENSILE TESTING AND)
RETHREADING OPTICAL FIBER)
DURING FIBER DRAW)

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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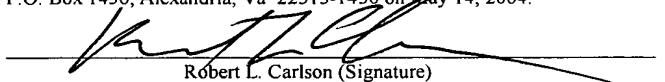
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